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THE

SHORTER ORDER FOR MORNING SERVICE.

¶ *The Minister shall begin the Morning Service by reading one or more of the following sentences of Scripture:*

THE Lord is in his holy temple. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. Ps. xcv: 1, 2.

The Lord is nigh unto all who call upon him; unto all who call upon him in truth. Ps. cxlv: 18. What prayer or what supplication soever shall be made of any man or of all thy people, when every one shall know his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house: hear thou from thy dwelling-place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive. 2 Chron. vi: 29, 30.

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; bring an offering, and come unto his courts. Ps. xcvi: 8.

If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught

against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Matt. v: 23, 24.

In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him. God is a refuge for us. Ps. lxii: 7, 8.

Surely the Lord is in this place. This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. Gen. xxviii: 16, 17.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

GRACE, Mercy and Peace, from God our heavenly Father, through the faith of Jesus Christ, be unto all who engage in Christian Worship.

We know that the Supreme Being is not worshipped with men's hands as though he needed anything, seeing that he giveth to all life and breath and all things; neither can our prayer be without his help. We come to him, because our hearts seek the source of the love that fills them, our souls turn to the light that shines upon them. And now that we have assembled together as brethren, earnestly desiring to

draw near to him who is ever most near to us, let us ask for the leading of his Spirit and the inspiration of his love. And may we worship him so truly here, that we may be helped thereby to worship him in our daily walk and conversation, in deeds of loving kindness, in thoughts of gratitude, in steadfast patience and trust, in heartfelt penitence for sin, and in works of duty faithfully fulfilled.

I invite you therefore, dearly beloved, as many as are here present, to accompany me with sincere hearts and united voices, saying:

¶ *The Lord's Prayer, to be said by Minister and People:*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

O Lord, open thou our lips;

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ *Here all rise and sing:*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly throng!
Praise God, our Father in your song!

¶ *Then may be read the Responsive Psalm; and at the end of the Psalm may be sung the Gloria Patri: after which the congregation will be seated.*

¶ *The Service shall then proceed as follows:*

Scripture Lesson; Anthem; Prayer; Hymn; Sermon; Offertory; Closing Hymn and Benediction.

THE

FULLER ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY.

¶ *After the Organ Voluntary the Minister reads as many as may seem to him convenient of the following Sentences:*

THIS is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Ps. 118: 24.

The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. Hab. ii: 20.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. Is. vi: 3.

God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth. John iv: 24.

Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 1 Sam. xv: 22.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Matt. v: 6.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Matt. v: 8.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Ps. xxxii: 1.

For we have not a high priest that can not be touched with the feeling of our infirmities: but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Heb. iv: 15.

For the law was given by Moses; grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. John i: 17.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:

The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Num. vi: 24, 25, 26.

¶ *The Minister may use his own preliminary words, or one of the following,*

PASTORAL CALLS TO WORSHIP.

BELOVED in the Lord, we have again assembled together as the disciples of Jesus Christ, to render thanks to God for all his mercies; to confess our manifold transgressions; to renew our good resolutions; and to recommend ourselves and all our concerns to the care of our heavenly Father. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Put your

trust in him and you shall not be disappointed. With humble and contrite hearts let us approach the throne of heavenly grace.

DEARLY beloved, we are assured that the Lord is nigh unto them that call upon him, unto all who call upon him in truth. I do therefore invite as many as are here present to unite with me in re-consecrating ourselves to our heavenly Father, that he, of his fullness and infinite good-will, may be able to graciously bestow upon us those needed mercies and comfortable gifts which we are emboldened to ask in Christ, who is the Way; giving thanks unto God through him.

¶ *The Minister may then offer an introductory Prayer in his own words, or use one of the following,*

INVOCATIONS.

O THOU that openest the day, and pourest forth the light thereof, so open the heavenly light upon us. And grant us that fullness by which our life shall spring up toward thine; by which we shall understand the things of God, and all those blessed hopes and promises blossoming in us, which make us so rich in Christ Jesus. Accept our morning

thanks. Inspire us to give thanks yet again and often this day, making melody in our hearts. May we sing together in the sweet fellowship of sacred song. Bless us in the offices of devotion, in the labor of instruction, in meditation, and all the pursuits and joys of this holy day. And whether in the sanctuary or in our homes, may everything be done to our souls' profit, and to thine honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

COMMAND thy blessing, our Father, to rest upon us—even thine own Spirit, which brings life, and light, and joy, and comfort, and all guidance. May we arouse ourselves, and rise up into a consciousness of thy presence; and may all our nature partake of the divine influence this day. Bless us in our endeavors to instruct. Bless us in our aspiration and devotion; in our meditations; in all the service of prayer and of song, of confession and of thanksgiving. And grant that there may be not only a blessing of the sanctuary, but a blessing of the day, that wherever we go, and wherever we are, we may still be as in the temple of God, and with thy smile resting abundantly upon us. *Amen.*

¶ *Then this Invocation to be said by Minister and People responsively:*

[Congregation standing.]

Minister. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens.

Congregation. Let thy glory be over all the earth.

Minister. Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Congregation. According as we trust in thee.

Minister. O Lord, let thy presence be manifested among us.

Congregation. Shine thou in our hearts.

Minister. To give the light of the knowledge of thy glory.

Congregation. In the face of Jesus Christ.

Minister. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight.

Congregation. O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

¶ *Here let all audibly join in the Lord's Prayer:*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Congregation seated.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

O Lord, open thou our lips;

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister. Glory be to God on high; the Father everlasting.

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

¶ *Then shall be sung the following, or some other Psalm.*

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanks-

giving: and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.

The heavens declare his glory; and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

Day unto day uttereth wisdom; and night unto night revealeth knowledge of him.

O come, let us worship and bow down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he judgeth the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

¶ *Then may be read the Psalm for the day, taken from the* SELECTIONS: *and at the end of every Psalm may be sung the* GLORIA PATRI.

¶ *Then shall be read the Scripture Lesson.*

¶ *And afterwards shall be sung the following, or some other, Morning Anthem.*

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS.

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee, Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee.

The Father, of an infinite Majesty;

Thine adorable, true, and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sitteth at the right hand of God, in the Glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.

Govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

The Lord be with you;

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

¶ *Here follows the Extemporaneous Prayer and a congregational Hymn, followed by the*

SERMON.

¶ *After the sermon, during the Offertory, a solo or other music may be rendered: and after that, the closing hymn and*

BENEDICTION.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE

ORDER FOR EVENING SERVICE.

¶ *The Minister shall begin the Evening Service by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture:*

FROM the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised. Mal. i: 11.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer. Psalm xix: 14, 15.

When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. Ezek. xviii: 27.

I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me. Psalm li: 3.

Hide thy face from my sins; and blot out all mine iniquities. Psalm li: 9.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Psalm li: 17.

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God; for he is

gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Joel ii: 13.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. Dan. ix: 9, 10.

Repent ye ; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matt. iii: 2.

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. Luke xv: 18, 19.

¶ *Then shall be sung the following, or some other Anthem.*

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth his people shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.

¶ *Then shall be read the Scripture Lesson.*

¶ *After that, shall be sung the following Psalm; or, instead, some other Song of Praise.*

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

The Lord be with you:
Answer. And with thy spirit.
Minister. Let us pray.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Answer. And take not thy holy spirit from us.

¶ *Here the Minister may offer prayer in his own words.*

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn, taken from the* COLLECTION.

¶ *After the Sermon, during the Offertory, suitable music may be rendered by the Choir:*

¶ *Then a Hymn shall be sung by the Choir and Congregation.*

BENEDICTION.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE

ORDER FOR VESPERS.

¶ *The Minister shall begin Vespers by reading one or more of the following Sentences of Scripture; all standing:*

FROM the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

Let our prayers be set forth in his sight as incense: and the lifting up of our hands, as an evening sacrifice.

Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts: to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt in due time; casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

O Lord, open thou our lips;

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister. O Lord, make haste to help us;

People. O Lord, make speed to help us.

Minister. O Lord, let thy mercy be shown upon us;

People. As we do put our trust in thee.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

People. The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *Then shall be sung the following Hymn:*

Now on land and sea descending
  Brings the night its peace profound;
Let our vesper-hymn be blending
  With the holy calm around.

Soon as dies the sunset glory,
  Stars of heaven shine out above;
Telling still the ancient story,—
  Their Creator's changeless love.

Now our wants and burdens leaving,
  To his care, who cares for all,
Cease we fearing, cease we grieving;
  At his touch our burdens fall.

As the darkness deepens o'er us,
Lo! eternal stars arise;
Hope and Faith and Love rise glorious,
Shining in the spirit's skies.

¶ *Then shall be read the* FIRST LESSON *taken out of the Old Testament. After that shall be said or sung the following Psalm, or any other suitable Music.*

THE earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the sea, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift

them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible: the only wise God;

Be honor and glory: for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read the* SECOND LESSON, *taken out of the New Testament. After that shall be said or sung the following Psalm or any other suitable Music.*

O LORD, whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in the grave, behold thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

How precious are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand.

Now unto the God of grace: for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ;

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages: world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *After the Psalm the Minister shall say:*

The Lord be with you;

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

[All reverently bowing down.]

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of thy name turn from us all those evils that we have not righteously deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living.

People. Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

O GOD, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and grant that we thy servants may evermore give thanks unto thee in the holy Church of thy Son Jesus Christ.

People. Grant us thy peace, O Lord.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we give thee humble and hearty thanks for all the benefits and blessings, both spiritual and temporal, which in the riches of thy great mercy thou hast poured down upon us; but especially for thy spiritual blessings. Lord, let us not live but to praise and magnify thy great goodness. Grant, we beseech thee, that all our thoughts, words, and works may tend to the discharge of our duty, the good of our fellow-men, and the advancement of thy Son's kingdom on earth. *Amen.*

O LORD Most High, with thy whole Church throughout the world we especially give thanks to thee for all thy saints departed; and for the hope of future joy in the

resurrection of the just. O let the crowd of witnesses, the innumerable company of those who have gone before and entered into rest, be to us an example of godly life: even now may we rejoice in their happiness; and with patience may we so run the race that is set before us, as to have an entrance administered abundantly into thy heavenly presence, to be united with them and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O THOU Father of our spirits, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray: often in the midst of our daily business may we lift up our hearts to thee; and grant, we humbly beseech thee, that those whom thou dost refresh with thy presence may, by a life well pleasing to thee, show their love and gratitude, as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O BLESSED God, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, take us into thy gracious keeping for this night; and make us mindful of that night when the noise of this busy world shall be heard by us no more. O Lord, in whom we trust, help us by thy grace so to live that we may never be afraid to die, and grant

that at the last as now our even-song may be: I will lay me down in peace, and sleep, for thou, Lord, makest me dwell in safety. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung the following, or any Sacred Song (unannounced), giving devout and audible words with a melody that touches the heart.*

COME, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;
Come, at the shrine of God fervently kneel;
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
Hope, when all others die, fadeless and pure;
Here speaks the Comforter, in God's name saying,
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure.

Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God, living and pure;
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing,
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure.

¶ *Here shall follow an Exposition or Address; which is designed to occupy about fifteen minutes. At the close, the Minister shall say: Let us pray; and the Silent Prayer shall continue a minute or two; after which the Lord's Prayer shall be said or sung.*

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be sung a Parting Hymn of Peace, by Choir and Congregation.*

¶ *After which, this Benediction shall be said; the Choir chanting the* "Amen:"

Benediction.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. *Amen.*

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS AND COLLECTS.

For Congregational Services.

WE thank thee, our Father, for the refuge, while storms darken the air without, which we find in this temple of God. Here is the light of the Sun of Righteousness. Here is the unclouded morning. Here thou art a perpetual spring, going no further than the summer, forever bright, growing fruitful and blessed. And we are glad to be separated, as by a wall of darkness, from the great troubled world without, and shut up unto thee and thine eternal youth and beauty; to thy love and grace; to thy mercy which is without bound. Vouchsafe, then, this morning, that blessing which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow. And to all thy past mercies, add the assurance of goodness in time to come. Bless us in the service of the sanctuary; in the instruction which we shall endeavor together to receive; in the offices of devotion which we offer. And grant that all the services of the day, whether here or in our several homes, may be inspired

of thee, and blessed by thee, and accepted by thee. Which we ask for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

LIFT upon us this morning the light of thy countenance, and out of all our darkness and doubt bring us into the brightness of the light of thy love and favor. Thou that dost dispel the storm, and out of clouds and darkness bring forth the sweet cheer of the new made day, bring to us again the light, the joy, and the peace of thy salvation. May wanderers this morning come home. May dispersed children find their Father's house. May all that are drooping in sorrow lift up their head. For, behold, their morning hath come. And may this sanctuary be filled with thy presence. And may thy power be mightily displayed here. Bless us in our songs of rejoicing. Bless us in the communion of prayer. Bless us in reading thy word, and in meditations thereupon, and in the offices of instruction derived from it. Bless us as we go forth again and find our several homes. And whether in the sanctuary or in our own places, grant that we may have the spirit of liberty, of joy, and of hope. And to thy name shall be the praise. *Amen.*

GRANT unto us, in the very beginning of our service this morning, O thou blessed Father! that mercy and grace in which alone our souls can live. We have sought thee, and often in times past found thee. Come again! But already thou art here. Thee have we seen flaming in the heaven; thee in all the air; thee in the resurrection by which all sweet and pleasant things are coming forth again. Thou dost come for us; and it was thy voice that we heard bringing us hither. And before we were here, thou didst wait, O thou that art the Host and Benefactor! Grant that we may have grace given us to behold thee with open arms, welcoming every needy soul, and saying, "According to your faith be it unto you." Give us, then, this living faith, that we may partake of the joy of all the sanctifying influence which belongs to thine house upon this day of our blessed Lord. *Amen.*

WE beseech of thee that thou wilt be near to those who have come here to get strength, who are burdened, who have inward troubles, whose troubles have no name to them, and whose troubles are as birds of prey, flying hither and thither, and coming out unawares upon them. O Lord! thou canst brood and

protect thine own. And as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, so canst thou those that put their trust in thee. We commend them to thy care. And may those that are in darkness, and those that are suffering the pangs of bereavement, feel that Christ is very near to comfort them to-day—and never so near as when they are in darkness; never so near as when they seem to themselves to be emptied of joy; never so near as when they are most outcast and forlorn. May they find God a very present help in time of trouble. *Amen.*

WE beseech of thee that thou wilt draw near to all that are in the midst of life, bearing its cares, and bearing its burdens, and endeavoring to administer its responsibilities, so as best to serve God and man. Strengthen them in every generous and just purpose; and as their day is, so may their strength be also. We pray thee, that thou wilt teach men not so much to let alone the world, as to overcome it by right handling. And we pray that thou wilt grant them grace to walk in and out before thee in the discharge of secular duties, so as to make men praise God. *Amen.*

BLESS this church, we beseech of thee, and all its members—those that are present with us, and those that are scattered abroad. Bless any that are upon the great deep; any that are in foreign lands; any that are in remote places of our own land. Be near to them, and grant that the Sabbath may rise with healing in its beams upon them to-day. May the blessing of Almighty God go with them in their several ways, and abide with them. We pray that those who remain and labor in their appropriate spheres may be strengthened to all fidelity and to all rejoicing by the Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

WE pray that thou wilt bless those who are providentially with us to-day; all that are strangers in our midst; all whose hearts yearn for the far off home, and for the friends dearer now that they are separated from them. Grant that they may feel, here, to-day, that the Lord hears and answers their prayers, in mercy, for those who are near to them. Save them from ill tidings of disaster, and may they find such fellowship, such nearness to God, that they shall find, indeed, this to be an unexpected home and a delight to them.

May all thy people feel their brotherhood more and more. May all those vexing differences which have separated men pass away. May there be more and more of that forgiving spirit of love which shall unite thy people—not outwardly, but inwardly, and more blessedly.

And grant that thy kingdom may come, that thy will may be done in all the earth, that thy promises may be fulfilled, and that the whole earth may see thy salvation. *Amen.*

OUR heavenly Father: We pray that thy kingdom may come in all forms of law, and of intelligence, and of justice, and of civil administration, and of human liberty, and of universal civilization, and may the world, redeemed from its animal conditions, at last become thy world. A new heaven, and a new earth let there be, in which shall dwell righteousness.

And we beseech of thee that thou wilt grant thy blessing to rest upon all classes and conditions of men. We pray for the poor, for the outcast; for the neglected; for those that dwell in unillumined ignorance; for those for whom there is no sanctuary; for those who are trained in evil, and whose surroundings tend toward wickedness

We beseech of thee that thou wilt remember those who are seeking to carry out the Gospel into the highways and byways. May they be more and more filled with the Spirit of the Master; and more and more may they see the labor of the Lord prospering in their hand.

And if there be those that have unexpressed thanks, O Lord! let the silent desire be as mighty words in thine ear, and accept their thanksgiving. If there are those whose hearts are burdened with gratitude, who look back upon the way in which God has led them—the way of danger, the way of suffering, the way of trial and struggle—and who stand near to victory; and if their hearts swell, let it not be with pride, but with a grateful recognition of God's goodness to them. Accept the offering of thanks which they secretly bring thee.

If there be those that are conscious of imperfection, and weighed down with a sense of sin yet mighty in them, and that yearn both for forgiveness and for divine strength in days to come, O Lord! forgive and inspire them.

If there be those this day whose memories go to dear ones far from them, and whose hearts rise up before thee, sanctify their affections. And bless those whom memory would

bless. Draw near now in this sacred hour of faith, and gather all whom we love from every whither—from the sea, and from foreign lands, and from distant places in our own land; and here, united in spirit, for the hour, may they dwell together with us in faith.

If there are any who look upon the Christian life wistfully, and desire to enter therein, but are hindered, O Lord! we pray that thou wilt take away the hinderances, or teach them to remove them. Confirm all good resolutions. Inspire resolutions in those who have been careless and heedless. We pray that thou wilt consummate the work where it has begun. If there are those who are beginning to turn their thoughts to God, who are adding one or two purposes, but who are not yet entering in earnest and fully upon the Christian course, O Lord! we pray that thou wilt quicken them, that thou wilt give them a whole heart, that they may seek thee with all their heart, and mind, and soul, and strength. And may this greatest gift of God, the revelation of Christ Jesus, in the experience of our hearts, be granted to every one here—especially to those who are taught—to those that have been from childhood instructed in things pertaining to their salvation.

We pray that thou wilt bless all those who are laboring in the Sunday-school and in the Bible-classes. Bless the labors of those who are going from house to house, or into the highways, to minister to those that are not gathered into the sanctuary. And grant that they may have the Sacred Spirit and inspiration of God upon them.

Bless those who are seeking to rear the young; those who are striving to enlighten the poor and the ignorant. And grant that everywhere this great nation may become intelligent, just, true, God-fearing, and man-loving. Let thy kingdom come everywhere, and the whole earth see thy salvation. Which we ask for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

WE pray, O Lord, that thou wilt grant thy blessing to rest upon those that are prospered, and that come hither this morning with the memory of thy goodness to them. And may their gratitude ascend as incense. And wilt thou accept the offerings which they make.

Grant, we pray thee, that all those who have trouble in their households may be remembered to-day. May the God of all grace comfort them.

We pray for those who are in trials and troubles in the midst of their affairs, that they may so carry themselves that their tribulations shall work patience, not only, but virtue and likeness to Christ. We pray for all who are in bereavement; and for all who walk among the sick; and for all who are themselves sick; and for all who are burdened with any manner of trouble.

Thou, O God! art the Saviour. Redeem every one of thy people out of all afflictions. And we pray that we may learn the sacred lesson by which sorrow shall change to joy, and by which loss shall become gain, and by which weakness shall wax strong and be victorious. And out of thy providence minister to our spiritual good, so that we may be equipped and prepared for that life which waits for us just beyond.

Bless, we pray thee, the young in this congregation. Inspire them with heroic ideals of true manhood in Christ Jesus. Deliver them from the snares and temptations which beset them. Open to them all a door of honorable usefulness, and grant that they may be strengthened to go in thereat and bear the burden and heat of the day as becomes the children of the living God.

We pray that thou wilt bless the household associated here, and carry the spirit of the sanctuary and the spirit of thy salvation into every dwelling.

Bless thy cause in every form, and in all places. Bless assemblies of thy people of every name. Wilt thou unite thy Churches more cordially in sympathy and in love. While men differ in things remote and outward, may they more and more be joined in inward experiences—in faith, and love, and holy hope, of the Gospel of Christ.

We pray that thou wilt bless the nations of the earth. Bless our own nation. Purge it from iniquity. Deliver it from evil laws and evil rulers. Destroy selfishness. Prevent avarice from breaking over all bounds. Grant that thy kingdom may come in the hearts of this great people; that they may serve the Lord, and love their fellow men, and purify themselves from evil works, and be an acceptable people unto God. And may all the nations that in their weakness are struggling for their birthright be helped of thee. May darkness flee away; may superstition cease; may wisdom prevail; may liberty, and purity, and true Christian manliness everywhere abound; and may thy kingdom come and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. *Amen.*

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

UPON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

TO BE USED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE MINISTER.

¶ *For Manifold Mercies.*

O LORD our God, the bountiful source of all good; we bless thee for our lives, and the gifts of grace, of nature, and of society; for instruction in divine truth; for the voice of thy calling, repeated so often; for thy patience, thy long-suffering, thy forbearance towards us, who often and grievously have sinned against thee; for all the benefits we have received; for all the little good we may have done; for the enjoyment of present good; for thy promise and our hope of good to come; for loving parents, for wise teachers, for benefactors never to be forgotten; for brethren of one mind with us; for kind friends, for faithful servants, for all who by their writings, or words, or example, have helped us in our heavenward way. For all these, and for all other known or unknown, remembered or forgotten mercies, we praise thee, and will praise;

we bless thee, and will bless; we thank thee, and will give thee thanks, now and for ever. *Amen.*

¶ *In Time of Trouble.*

O GOD, thou art our hope and our strength, a very present help in time of need. Look down upon us with thy fatherly pity, and give us hearts wholly resigned to thy divine will. May we have such firm confidence in thy good providence as not to increase our trouble by our own infirmities. Take from us gloomy forebodings and a spirit of fear. Blessed be thy name, our sorrows are finite and temporal, less than our sins, and infinitely less than thy mercies. O may it be our great care to please thee, our only fear lest we should sin against thee. Let thy loving-kindness be our portion, thy Spirit our guide, thy law the rule of our conduct; and so with patience may we wait till this cloud is passed over. *Amen.*

¶ *In Time of Mourning.*

ALMIGHTY God, who governest all things in heaven and on earth with infinite wisdom and mercy, and dost encourage us to fly to thee as our refuge in distress; refresh

thy sorrowing children with the light of thy countenance, and the consolations of thy Holy Spirit. Be thou now to us, we humbly beseech thee, what thou lovest to be, a Father to those who are in trouble and a God of comfort to those who mourn. Grant that we thy servants may not weep as those who are without hope, nor complain of anything but ourselves, nor desire anything but that thy will may be done, nor do anything but what is agreeable to thy holy word and commandment. O heavenly Father, when thou smitest us, not less than when thou pourest out blessings on us, may our love to thee increase; and when the few years of our earthly pilgrimage are ended, may we be gathered to our fathers in the peace, and in the blessed hope of a joyful resurrection, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *In Time of Adversity.*

O HOLY Father, help us to labor for those enduring riches which consist in the knowledge of thee, and in the glory of thy gracious presence. Suffer us not, we pray thee, so to limit thy power as to think that thou art not now able to supply our real wants, though blessings which we were wont to enjoy

are taken from us. Restrain, we beseech thee, our desires; teach us willingly to submit ourselves to thy wisdom. Let thy promises and providence be our storehouse; let it be enough for us to believe as we do, that, though we lose all we possess, yet, inasmuch as thou hast once loved us in Christ, we shall never lose thy favor. Through him be ascribed unto thee glory and dominion, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *That we may commit those whom we love to the keeping of our Heavenly Father.*

O LORD God of heaven and earth, for those who belong to us may we neither be without care, nor yet taken up with care, as if we had not thee to care for us. But let us assure ourselves that thou wilt be our God, and the God of our children; and wilt not leave them destitute of earthly blessings, for whom thou hast provided an eternal inheritance. With this confidence may we go on our way with cheerfulness, fulfilling every duty as it arises, and leaving all events trustfully to thee, our merciful God and Father. *Amen.*

¶ *For a Fruitful Season; to be used in Spring.*

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all things, who causest the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man;

who bringest forth fruit out of the earth, and dost blest the springing thereof; be pleased graciously to look down from thy holy habitation in heaven upon us, thy people, and upon the land wherein we dwell; that both it may become fruitful and yield its increase, and we may grow in wisdom and in goodness, bringing forth plenteously the fruit of good works, as disciples of him who came to sow in us the seeds of eternal life. *Amen.*

¶ *Thanksgiving for a Fruitful Season.*

ALMIGHTY and eternal Lord God, who art infinite in power and wisdom and goodness; with hearts deeply sensible of thy tender care and concern for us, we most humbly beseech thee to accept our tribute of thanks and praise for the return of that joyous season in which thou makest our fields to yield an abundant increase. On thy fatherly protection and kindness we will steadfastly rely for the supply of our wants; for thou carest for us. But, O heavenly Father, while we rejoice in thy outward bounty, do thou keep us ever mindful that man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth: and grant that we may not cease to labor more earnestly for those everlasting blessings which

thou hast vouchsafed to us in thy beloved Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *In behalf of a Sick Person for whom the Prayers of the Congregation are requested.*

ALMIGHTY and ever-blessed God, our refuge and our hope; stretch forth, we pray thee, thy healing hand on thy servant, for whom in *his* sickness our prayers are desired: but, O heavenly Father, grant that *he* may so acknowledge thy fatherly love in this and all *his* trials that whatsoever thou mayest appoint concerning *him*, *he* may be wholly resigned to thy gracious will. *Amen.*

¶ *In Time of General Sickness.*

ALMIGHTY and ever-blessed God, in the midst of life we are in death; of whom shall we seek for succor but of thee, O Lord? Stretch forth thy hand, we beseech thee, and turn from us this great sickness and mortality with which we are now visited. But, O merciful Father, as thou dost never chasten us but for our good, may we be still more anxious for a humble and teachable heart than for immediate relief from bodily danger; not doubting thy desire to bring all our afflictions to a speedy and happy end. In every time of trouble give

us grace, O Lord God, to help and comfort one another in the spirit of thy son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *When General Health is restored.*

BLESSED be thy goodness, O Lord, which hath preserved so many of us alive in the midst of a great mortality, and hath restored health to our land. Thou hast been our refuge and our fortress, our God in whom we trust. Grant, we beseech thee, that we may devote our renewed strength to thee with increased zeal and earnestness, as true disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *In Time of War.*

O LORD, our Creator and Preserver, who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell upon the face of the earth; we cry to thee in our distress, and beseech thee to look down in mercy on the terrible conflicts which are destroying the lives and estranging the hearts of thy children. O breathe upon thy people the spirit of thy son; and grant that the work of righteousness may be peace, and the effect of righteousness quiet and assurance forever. *Amen.*

¶ *When Peace is restored.*

BLESSED be thou, O God, who stillest the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people. We praise and thank thee for our deliverance from those great evils and dangers wherewith we were compassed; and we most earnestly beseech thee to fill us with the spirit of kindness and forbearance; that no bitterness may remain in our hearts, and that we may lead henceforth a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *For this Nation.*

ALMIGHTY God, who rulest over all the nations of the earth, and on whose gracious providence we depend evermore for preservation and prosperity; extend, we beseech thee, thy paternal goodness to the people of this nation. Our necessities and dangers are all known to thee. Vouchsafe to guide us continually with thy counsel, and strengthen us with thy power; and so direct and sanctify our hearts, that, looking up to thee as our only safeguard and the supreme author of all blessings, we may have the unspeakable blessing of thy almighty protection and thy heavenly favor. *Amen.*

¶ *For all Mankind.*

MOST gracious Father, let thy blessing rest on every member of thy great human family. May every one be a partaker of thy gospel in Jesus Christ. Grant that the bright beams of thy truth may shine upon those who are walking in darkness; till all the kindreds of thy people shall know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. *Amen.*

RULES.

TO KNOW WHEN THE FEASTS AND HOLY DAYS BEGIN.

EASTER DAY, on which the rest depend, is always the first Sunday after the Full Moon, which happens upon or next after the twenty-first day of March; and if the Full Moon happen upon a Sunday, Easter-day is the Sunday after.

ADVENT SUNDAY is always the nearest Sunday to the thirtieth of November, whether before or after.

WHITSUNDAY, or *Feast of Pentecost,* is seven weeks after Easter.

THE DIVINE LAW.

The Minister, at such times as he may elect, shall read the Ten Commandments; and the People, reverently bowing the head, or devoutly kneeling, shall, after each Commandment, ask God's mercy for their transgressions for the time past, and grace to keep the law for the time to come, as follows:

Minister.

GOD spake these words, and said, I am the Lord thy God: Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them: For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God; and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and show mercy unto thousands in them that love me, and keep my commandments.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: For the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work; thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt do no murder.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not steal.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

¶ *Then the Minister may say:*

Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind: This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On

these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

¶ *On Whit-Sunday the Minister shall also read the Law of the Holy Spirit as follows:*

IF ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's that sent me.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. *Amen.*

THE BEATITUDES.

WITH RESPONSES TO BE SAID BY THE PEOPLE.

AND seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he had sat down, his disciples came unto him. And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

This is my comfort in my affliction; for thy word hath quickened me.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

The meek will he guide in judgment, and the meek will he teach his way.

Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

He shall receive blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

He that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

The angel of the Lord encampeth around them that fear him and delivereth them.

Rejoice and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you.

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, from everlasting and to everlasting: Amen, and Amen.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

THE ORDER OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE

LORD'S SUPPER, OR HOLY COMMUNION.

¶ *The Service may be preceded by reading the Ten Commandments and Offertory; or, instead of the Commandments, especially on the Sunday after Easter, the Beatitudes may be read. Then the Minister, standing by the Lord's Table, shall say one or more of the following sentences:*

BLESSED are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Matt. v: 6.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, My Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John vi: 32, 33, 35.

And the Spirit and the Church say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Rev. xxii: 17.

By one Spirit are we baptized into one body, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. Being many we are one, being partakers of one bread. 1 Cor. xii: 13; x: 17.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me. Rev. iii: 20.

Christ, our passover, is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 1 Cor. v: 7, 8.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. John xv: 4, 5.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father, I have made known unto you. John xv: 13–15.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matt. xi: 28.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John iii: 16.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

DEARLY beloved brethren, we come to this table to testify, not that we are righteous, but that we sincerely love the Lord Jesus Christ, and wish to become his true disciples. Ye, therefore, who do truly and earnestly desire to learn of the Saviour, and to coöperate in the study and practice of his religion; who would live in love and charity with your neighbors, and would grow in the Christian Life, draw near with faith, and take this holy ordinance to your comfort, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

¶ *Then shall this general Confession be made by Minister and People; all humbly bowing down, or devoutly kneeling:*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father; we humbly acknowledge our weakness, and the sins which we from time to time have most grievously committed, by thought, word,

and deed, against thy great goodness, against our Master, Jesus Christ, against our own souls, and against our brethren. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. Comfort and help us. Raise our hearts up to thee in heaven, and suffer us no more to wander upon earth. In the name of thy beloved Son, we beseech thee to forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee, in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say this Prayer:*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto thee, have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

Hear what words of comfort our Saviour saith unto all who desire his help.

COME unto me, all ye who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

So God loved the world, that he gave his

only-begotten Son, to the end that all who believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Hear, also, what St. Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear, also, what St. John saith:

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins.

Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto our God.

Answer. It is meet and right so to do.

Minister. It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

¶ *Here may follow the proper Preface, if there be any specially appointed; or else immediately may follow (Minister and People together):*

THEREFORE with angels, and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious

name; evermore praising thee, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord, most high.

¶ *Then shall the Minister read the following words:*

I HAVE received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come. 1 Cor. xi: 23–26.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

¶ *The Minister may then offer prayer in his own words, or say the Prayers following; all humbly bowing down, or devoutly kneeling:*

FATHER of our spirits; mindful of Christ's life and teachings, his death upon the cross, his resurrection and ascension, and his

seat at thy right hand, we come to partake of this bread and this wine in remembrance of him. We beseech thee to sanctify them and us: and may we who thus eat of one bread and drink of one cup be made one with each other in the fellowship of the same Holy Spirit, and one with thee and thy dear Son.

And in this our communion we desire to remember, and beseech thee to remember and bless, the multitudes of every name who are joined with us in one household of faith, our brethren and sisters in Christ throughout the world.

We remember those who have fallen asleep in Christ, and in the joyful hope of resurrection unto eternal life.

We remember the fathers from the beginning of the world; the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have wrought righteousness.

We remember all such as journey; all who are in sickness or distress; and we would forgive our enemies, if there be any who have wished or done us ill.

We remember the whole family of man beseeching thee that the spirits of all flesh may taste of thy grace, and that the ends of the earth may see the salvation of God.

And unto us, O Lord God, vouchsafe such guidance, that as Christians and blameless we may spend the remainder of our lives.

Accept, O holy and ever-blessed Father, these our supplications. May our offerings find favor in thy sight, and be as an odor of spiritual incense. *Amen.*

¶ *Here shall be sung a Communion Hymn, or a Hymn appointed for Vespers, unannounced.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister, having first received the Communion in both kinds himself, proceed to deliver the same to the People. And when he delivereth the bread, he shall say:*

Take and eat this in remembrance of Jesus Christ: and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

¶ *And the Minister who delivereth the cup, shall say:*

Drink this in remembrance of Jesus Christ, and be thankful.

¶ *When all have received the Communion, the Lord's Prayer shall be said by Minister and People; all humbly bowing down, or reverently kneeling:*

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass

against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say this Prayer:*

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us with spiritual food; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom to thee be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be said or sung, all standing,* GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, *or some proper Hymn from the Selection.*

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good-will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O God, through thy only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Through him that taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Through him that taketh away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Through him that sitteth at the right hand of God our Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, in Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in thy glory, O God our Father. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall let the People depart with this Blessing:*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRATION

OF

BAPTISM OF INFANTS.

¶ *When the Child has been brought forward to the Altar, the Minister may read as follows, from the Gospel of St. Mark.*

THEY brought young children to Christ, that he should teach them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But, when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

¶ *He may then use the following, or some other suitable Exhortation:*

MY brethren, in our treatment and regard of children, we ought to partake of the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. We should by no means despise or neglect them; but by

gentleness and watchful care, do all that we can to bring them into the fold of the Good Shepherd. That God may bless our efforts in so doing, let us now pray.

¶ *Then may be offered the following Prayer:*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, we give thanks unto thee, that by thy goodness we have been brought to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and to faith in him. We bless thee for the kind and encouraging words which he spoke, and for his tender compassion towards those whom he came to save; that he did not suffer little children to be driven away from his presence, but took them in his arms and blessed them. And now that we have brought to thy altar this little one, we pray that thou wilt guide and direct us, while we consecrate *him* to thee and to thy service. Wilt thou grant that this Baptism of Water may be the type and the earnest of the purifying influences of thy Holy Spirit, by which alone the soul can be regenerated and saved. This we do humbly ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Minister may then say to the Parents or Guardians of the Child:*

BY the act of bringing this Child here at this time, you express in the most solemn

manner your desire and resolve to instruct *him* in the gospel of Christ, and in every way to do what lieth in you to enable *him* to resist sinful inclinations and to keep God's holy will and commandments.

¶ *Then the Minister shall take the Child into his arms, and shall say to the Parents or Guardians:*

Name this Child.

¶ *Naming the Child, he shall apply the Water, saying:*

I baptize thee, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

¶ *Then shall follow this Benediction:*

THE God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ bless and shelter thee; and through his Son, and by his Holy Spirit, aid thee in infirmities, comfort thee in sorrow, guide thee into all truth, and at length receive thee into his heavenly presence. *Amen.*

¶ *In Choirs, or places where they sing, here shall follow (unannounced) an appropriate Hymn. After which, the Benediction:*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE MINISTRATION

OF

Baptism to Such as are of Riper Years.

¶ *When those who wish to be Baptized have come forward to the Altar, the Minister shall read as follows; all those who are present standing up:*

AND Jesus came and spake to his disciples, and said, All power is given unto me in heaven and earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; teaching them to do whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you even unto the end of the world.

¶ *Then shall be said this Exhortation:*

MY brethren, now that we are about to obey this command, which is with so great authority enjoined upon us, let us seek a blessing from God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

¶ *Then the Minister may say:*

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we give thee humble and hearty thanks, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the

knowledge of thy grace and to faith in thee. Increase this knowledge and confirm this faith in us evermore, that we may be enabled to mortify all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily to proceed in all virtue and godliness of living, till we come to that eternal kingdom which thou hast promised through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall speak to the persons to be Baptized on this wise:*

WELL-BELOVED, who have come hither to receive holy Baptism: you know what divine help has been promised to all who seek it; how our Lord Jesus Christ hath said, Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Renouncing, therefore, the fellowship of evil, will you endeavor to learn of Jesus Christ, and cooperate in the study and practice of his religion?

¶ *Then the persons about to be Baptized shall severally answer:*

It is my desire and prayer to be enabled so to do.

¶ *In administering the Ordinance of Baptism, the Minister shall say:*

I BAPTIZE thee, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

¶ *He shall also pronounce this Benediction:*

AND I pronounce upon thee the blessing which God commanded his servant of old; saying:

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. *Amen.*

Minister. Our help is in the name of the Lord;

Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Minister. Blessed be the name of the Lord;

Answer. Henceforth, world without end.

Minister. Lord, hear our prayers;

Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn of Welcome, unannounced.*

¶ *Then shall be said this Benediction:*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE

ORDER OF CONFIRMATION,

OR ADMISSION TO THE COMMUNION.

¶ *Those about to be Confirmed, that is, to receive the Communion of the Church, shall have first received the Sacrament of Baptism; if not in infancy, or at some subsequent period, then now. To any such persons, standing in order before the Minister, he shall say:*

DEARLY beloved, you have come hither to receive the consecration of the Church, and to renew the solemn vow made at your baptism. Renouncing, therefore, the fellowship of evil, will you endeavor to learn of Jesus Christ, and coöperate in the study and practice of his religion?

¶ *Each of those about to be Confirmed shall audibly answer:*

It is my earnest desire and prayer to be enabled so to do.

¶ *The Minister shall then say:*

BELOVED in the Lord, on this your open and voluntary confession of Christ, I welcome you to the communion of his Church.

And may God the Father grant that this union, formed on earth, may be continued in heaven, and fit us for the fellowship of the saints in light.

Receive the blessing of the Church.

¶ *Then those about to be Confirmed kneeling at the Altar, the Minister may lay his hand upon the head of every one, severally, saying:*

DEFEND, O Lord, this thy child with thy heavenly grace, that *he* may continue thine forever, and may daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* come unto thy everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall say:*

The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Our help is in the name of the Lord;

Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Minister. Blessed be the name of the Lord;

Answer. Henceforth world without end.

Minister. Lord, hear our prayers.

Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

¶ *Then the Lord's Prayer to be said after the Minister; all reverently bowing the head, or kneeling:*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the following Collects:*

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, who makest us both to will and to do those things that be good and acceptable unto thy divine Majesty; we would offer our humble supplications unto thee for these thy servants who have made a public profession of the Christian faith, and expressed their earnest desire and prayer to be enabled to fulfill their duties as disciples of Jesus Christ. Let thy fatherly hand ever be over them: let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them: guide and help, strengthen and sanctify them, we beseech thee; that, by the living bond of obedience and charity, they may be united to thee and thy beloved Son. *Amen.*

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow this Benediction:*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may follow a Hymn of Welcome, or a Hymn of Peace, unannounced*

SELECTIONS FOR RESPONSIVE READING.

TO BE READ IN VERSES ALTERNATELY, BY MINISTER AND PEOPLE, ACCORDING TO THE DAYS OF THE MONTH.

THE FIRST DAY.

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness; thou hast set me at liberty when I was

in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame, and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?

Know this, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man who is godly.

Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, Who will show us any good?

Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

GLORIA PATRI.

(*To be sung at the close of this, and every Psalm.*)

Glory be to the Father, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

THE SECOND DAY.

I WILL alway give thanks unto the Lord; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me, and let us magnify his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me; yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

They looked unto him and were enlightened; and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him; yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about those who fear him, and delivereth them.

O taste, and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye who are his saints; for those who fear him lack nothing.

The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Come, ye children, and hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he who desireth to live, and would fain see good days?

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips that they speak no guile.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayer.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto those who are of a contrite heart, and will save such as are of an humble spirit.

Great are the troubles of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants: and none of those who put their trust in him shall be desolate.

THE THIRD DAY.

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will speak of all thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in thee; I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High.

Thou hast rebuked the nations, and destroyed the ungodly; thou hast put out their name forever and ever.

Desolations have consumed the enemy forever; and as to the cities which thou hast destroyed, their memory is perished with them.

But the Lord shall endure forever; he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

And he shall judge the world in righteousness, and minister true judgment unto the people.

The Lord also will be a defence for the oppressed, even a refuge in time of trouble.

And they who know thy name will put their trust in thee; for thou, Lord, hast never failed those who seek thee.

O praise the Lord, who dwelleth in Zion: show the people of his doings.

For when he maketh inquisition he remembereth them, and forgetteth not the complaint of the poor.

The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made; in the same net which they hid privily is their own foot taken.

The Lord is known to execute judgment; the ungodly is insnared in the work of his own hands.

The wicked shall be turned into the pit, and all the people who forget God.

For the poor shall not always be forgotten; the patient abiding of the afflicted shall not perish forever.

Arise, O Lord, and let not man prevail; let the nations be judged in thy sight.

Put them in fear, O Lord; that the nations may know themselves to be but men.

THE FOURTH DAY.

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they who dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

Even he who hath clean hands and a pure heart, and who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive a blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Be thou my judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently; my trust hath been also in the Lord; therefore shall I not fall.

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes, and I will walk in thy truth.

I have not dwelt with vain persons; neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.

I have hated the congregation of the wicked; and will not sit among the ungodly.

I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord, and so will I go to thine altar;

That I may show the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth.

O shut not up my soul with the sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty.

In whose hands is wickedness, and their right hand is full of bribes.

But as for me, I will walk innocently; O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.

My feet tread in a straight path; I will praise the Lord in the congregations.

THE FIFTH DAY.

FRET not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

For evil doers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.

The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

THE SIXTH DAY.

O GOD, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

Because thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.

Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.

In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.

Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity.

Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

Also unto thee, O LORD, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

THE SEVENTH DAY.

REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Praise the LORD with harp; sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise.

For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spake, and it was done; he commanded and it stood fast.

The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought! he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works.

There is no king saved by the multitude of a host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

A horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth for the LORD; he *is* our help and our shield.

THE EIGHTH DAY.

O BE joyful in God, all ye lands; sing praises unto the honor of his name; make his praise to be glorious.

Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in

thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

For all the world shall worship thee, sing of thee, and praise thy name.

O come hither, and behold the works of God; how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men!

He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice in him.

He ruleth with his power forever; his eyes behold the people; and such as are rebellious shall not be able to exalt themselves.

O praise our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip.

For thou, O God, hast proved us; thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the snare, and laidst trouble upon us.

Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a place of refreshment.

O come hither and hearken, all ye who fear God, and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.

I called unto him with my mouth, and gave him praises with my tongue.

If I incline unto wickedness with my heart, the Lord will not hear me.

But God hath heard me, and considered the voice of my prayer.

Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer, nor turned his mercy from me.

THE NINTH DAY.

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof rage and swell, and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen raged, and the kingdoms were moved;. but God uttered his voice, and the earth melted away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord, what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world; he breaketh the bow, and snappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak; for he will speak peace to his people and his saints; only let them not return to their folly again.

For his salvation is nigh those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall show his loving-kindness; and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, and shall keep his path continually.

THE TENTH DAY.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Who forgiveth all thy iniquities, and healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

Who satisfieth thy life with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all those who are oppressed.

He showed his ways unto Moses, his works unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, and of great goodness.

He will not alway chide; neither keepeth he his anger forever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; even so the Lord pitieth those who fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are but dust.

The days of man are but as grass; he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth forever and ever upon those who fear him, and his righteousness upon children's children;

Even upon such as keep his covenant, and think upon his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath established his throne in heaven; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye who excel in strength, ye who fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts, ye servants of his who do his pleasure.

O praise the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion; praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

THE ELEVENTH DAY.

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

But there is mercy with thee; therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; in his word is my trust.

My soul waiteth for the Lord, more than they that watch for the morning; yea, more than they who watch for the morning.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good, and his mercy endureth forever.

O give thanks unto the God of all gods; for his mercy endureth forever.

O thank the Lord of all lords; for his mercy endureth forever.

Who only doeth great wonders; for his mercy endureth forever.

Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens; for his mercy endureth forever.

Who laid out the earth above the waters; for his mercy endureth forever.

Who hath made great lights; for his mercy endureth forever.

The sun to rule by day; for his mercy endureth forever.

The moon and the stars to govern the night; for his mercy endureth forever.

Who remembereth us when we are in trouble; for his mercy endureth forever.

And hath delivered us from our enemies; for his mercy endureth forever.

Who giveth food to all flesh; for his mercy endureth forever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven; for his mercy endureth forever.

THE TWELFTH DAY.

AS the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God?

My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

When I remember this, I pour out my soul

within me; for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy day.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

O my God, my soul is cast down within me, while I remember thee from the land of Jordan and Hermon, from the Mountain Mizar.

Deep calleth unto deep, at the noise of thy water-falls; all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

Once the Lord commanded his loving-kindness in the daytime, and in the night his song was with me; thanksgiving to the God of my life.

Now I say unto God, My refuge, why hast thou forgotten me? Why go I mourning, because of the oppression of the enemy.

As with a sword in my bones my enemies reproach me, while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him who is the health of my countenance and my God.

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

THE THIRTEENTH DAY.

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me, for I am poor and in misery.

Preserve thou my soul, for thou art my hope; my God, save thy servant who putteth his trust in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O LORD, for I will call daily upon thee.

Comfort the soul of thy servant; for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all those who call upon thee.

Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer, and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee; for thou hearest me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O LORD; neither are there any works like unto thy works.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O LORD; and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

I will praise thee, O LORD my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them.

But thou, O LORD, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

THE FOURTEENTH DAY.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noon-day.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him up, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: yea, I am with him in trouble: I will deliver him, and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

THE FIFTEENTH DAY.

THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handy-work.

Day unto day uttereth speech; night unto night showeth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

Their sounds are gone out into all lands; and their words unto the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, who cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

He goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and his circuit is unto the end of it again; and there is nothing hid from his heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and re-

joice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth forever; the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant warned; and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors? O cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

THE SIXTEENTH DAY.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;

Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the Most High:

Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help.

Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.

He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

THE SEVENTEENTH DAY.

PRAISE ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The words of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with the stringed instruments and organs.

Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

THE EIGHTEENTH DAY.

NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God?

But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:

They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:

They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.

O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

The LORD hath been mindful of us: he will bless us:

He will bless them that fear the LORD: both small and great.

The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence.

But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.

THE NINETEENTH DAY.

O PRAISE the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever.

The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD:

This is the gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter.

I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

THE TWENTIETH DAY.

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

And see if *there be any* wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

I WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O

LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

The north and the south thou hast created them; Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Blessed *is* the people that know the joyful

sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

GIVE ear unto my words, O LORD; consider my meditation.

O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God; for unto thee will I make my prayer.

My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O LORD; early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

For thou art a God who hast no pleasure in wickedness; neither shall any evil dwell with thee.

Such as be foolish shall not stand in thy sight; for thou hatest all those who work iniquity.

Thou shalt destroy those who speak falsehood; the LORD will abhor both the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.

But as for me, I will come into thy house, in the multitude of thy mercy; and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies; make thy way plain before my face.

Let all those who put their trust in thee rejoice; they shall ever be giving of thanks, because thou defendest them; they who love thy name shall be joyful in thee.

For thou, LORD, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous; and with thy favor wilt thou defend him as with a shield.

O LORD, let it be thy pleasure to deliver me; make haste, O LORD, to help me.

Let all those who seek thee be joyful and glad in thee; and let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be praised.

As for me, I am poor and needy; but the LORD careth for me.

Thou art my helper and redeemer; make no long tarrying, O my God.

THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY.

O LORD our LORD, how excellent is thy name in all the earth?

Who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies,

That thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider the heavens, the work of

thy fingers; the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him.

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands;

Thou hast put all things under his feet; all sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O LORD our LORD, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvelous works.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY.

COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God;

Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem; and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned;

For she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the LORD.

Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low;

And the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain;

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together;

For the mouth of the LORD had spoken it.

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry?

All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because the Spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it:

Surely the people is grass; the grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

THE wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad.

And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice, even with joy and singing:

The glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon,

They shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands and confirm the feeble knees.

Behold your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense, he will come and save you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped;

Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing.

For in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert:

And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water:

And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called, The way of holiness;

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads:

They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

SURELY there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they find it.

But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?

Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?

She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.

She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors:

Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man.

O ye simple, understand wisdom: and ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.

Hear; for I will speak of excellent things;

And the opening of my lips shall be right things.

For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.

They are all plain to him that understandeth; and right to them that find knowledge.

Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

ARISE, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people:

But the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee:

Thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.

Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged;

Because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night;

I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.

Violence shall no more be heard in thy land; wasting nor destruction within thy borders.

But thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

The sun shall be no more thy light by day,

Neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee.

But the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory;

Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw itself:

For the LORD shall be thine everlasting light,

And the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

COME unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me;

For I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Ho, every one that thirsteth. come ye to the waters; and he that hath no money,

Come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not?

Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live.

And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come.

And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

GOD so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus:

Who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory,

The glory as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren,

That he might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same;

That through death he might destroy him that had the power of death.

Blessed be the LORD God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people.

THE THIRTIETH DAY.

AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots:

And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

The spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD:

And he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth:

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;

And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain:

For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

One shall say, I am the LORD'S; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob;

And another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and surname himself by the name of Israel.

Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his Redeemer the LORD of hosts:

I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the height.

Praise him, all ye angels of his; praise him, all his hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters of the skies.

Let him praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

He hath made them fast forever and ever; he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

Praise the LORD upon earth, ye dragons, and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and vapors, wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars;

Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and feathered fowls;

Kings of the earth and all people, princes and all judges of the world;

Young men and maidens, old men and children; praise the name of the LORD; for his name alone is excellent, and his praise is above heaven and earth.

He shall increase the glory of his people; all his saints shall praise him, even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him. Praise ye the LORD.

SELECTIONS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.

GLORY be to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men.

Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance;

Through the tender mercies of our God, whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet in the way of peace.

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who bringeth good tidings; who publisheth peace; who bringeth good tidings of good; who publisheth salvation; who saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth.

There is sprung up a light for the righteous, and joyful gladness for such as are true of heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Sing unto the LORD, and praise his name; be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Let all those who seek him be joyful and glad in him, and let all such as love his salvation say always, The LORD be praised.

FOR EASTER DAY.

Anthem.

CHRIST our passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast; not with the old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ being raised from the dead, dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our LORD.

Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of those who slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him, who sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.

PSALM II.

WHY do the heathen rage? and why do the nations imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD, and against his anointed;

Let us break, say they, their bonds asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

He who dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn; the LORD shall have them in derision.

He shall speak unto them in his wrath, and rebuke them in his sore displeasure.

I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

I will declare the decree; the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

Ask of me, and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings; be admonished, ye who are judges of the earth.

Serve the LORD in fear; and rejoice before him with reverence.

Blessed are all they who put their trust in him.

FOR DAYS OF THANKSGIVING.

PSALM CXLVII.

O PRAISE the LORD; for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

Great is our LORD, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

He delighteth not in the strength of the

horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

For he has strengthened the bars of thy gates; he has blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

A CATECHISM.

TO BE LEARNED BY ALL, ESPECIALLY BY MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Question. What is your religious belief?

Answer. I believe in one God, the Creator of all things, and the Father of mankind; in Jesus Christ his Son, who is the true Teacher, Example and Saviour of men; in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; in the certainty of retribution; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of all men from the dead; and their final holiness and happiness in the immortal life.

Q. What does God require of man?

A. Obedience to His revealed will.

Q. What is the rule of obedience?

A. The Moral Law.

Q. What is our Saviour's summary of God's commandments?

A. He said, "Thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy-

self. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matt. xxii: 37–40.

Q. You have spoken of the certainty of retribution. What do you mean by it?

A. The punishment due to sin; that for all the sins which I commit, I must suffer the consequences, either in this world or in the world of spirits.

Q. What is the object of punishment?

A. To secure obedience.

Q. How long will God punish sinners?

A. Until they repent and are willing to obey him.

Q. Why does God require our obedience?

A. Because through obedience our highest good is secured.

Q. What do you mean by the forgiveness of sins?

A. The remission, or putting of them away.

Q. When does God forgive sins?

A. When men are truly sorry for, and forsake them.

Q. How can forgiveness be fully realized?

A. Through a new life of obedience to God.

Q. Does God's fatherly interest in his sinful creatures cease at death?

A. Man's relations to God are the same

here and hereafter. Wherever and whenever the soul heartily repents and turns to God, he will mercifully hear and bless.

Q. What is meant by the resurrection from the dead?

A. Man's entrance into the immortal state.

Q. You have connected holiness and happiness in your statement of belief. Why have you done this?

A. Because happiness can not be secured but through holiness.

Q. How is holiness secured?

A. Through obedience to God, in imitation of his Son Jesus Christ.

Q. Why do you believe in the final holiness and happiness of all mankind?

A. Because it is the declared purpose of God, "that in the dispensation of the fulness of times, he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth, even in him."—Eph. i: 10.

Q. How will you be able to keep God's laws?

A. By diligent attention thereto, and by growth in the Christian life.

Q. What are the principal means of growth in the Christian life?

A. The Word of God, the Church, the Sacraments, and Prayer.

Q. What do you understand by the Word of God?

A. The Holy Scriptures, and all other Revelations of Himself.

Q. What do you understand the church of Christ to be?

A. The *visible* church consists of all who profess the name of Christ; and the *invisible* church consists of all who are heart children of God, even the blessed company of all faithful people having the fellowship of the Spirit.

Q. Is it the duty of believers in Christ to become members of his visible church?

A. It is, that they may be brought thereby into closer union with Christ, the head of the church, and communion with his people.

Q. What is meant by Sacrament?

A. An outward and visible sign of the work of God's truth and love in the soul.

Q. How many Sacraments are there in the Church?

A. Two: Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Q. What is the outward sign in baptism?

A. Water, which is used either by dipping the person in it, or pouring or sprinkling it upon him.

Q. What inward work or change does this outward sign represent?

A. Death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness.

Q. What is required of persons to be baptized?

A. Repentance, whereby they forsake sin; and faith in Christ as their Saviour.

Q. Why then are infants baptized?

A. That their parents may bind themselves to bring them up to a Christian life; and that they, when they become of age, may feel themselves bound to live as children of God.

Q. For what was the ordinance of the Lord's Supper instituted?

A. To be a perpetual memorial of him; of all he did and suffered for us.

Q. What are the outward signs of this ordinance?

A. Bread and Wine (or whatever represents them).

Q. What is signified by this Sacrament?

A. The body and blood of Christ.

Q. What ought all to do before coming to this Supper?

A. They ought seriously to examine themselves, that they may realize their frailties, and earnestly seek a closer communion with their Saviour.

Q. With what should prayer be always accompanied?

A. With humble confession of sin, with hearty thanksgivings for God's mercies, and sincere faith in his promises.

Q. Where should we offer up our prayers?

A. Publicly in the house of God, and privately in our families, and in our closets.

Q. What special example of prayer is given us in the New Testament?

A. The Lord's Prayer.

Q. Will you repeat the Lord's Prayer?

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

"*After this manner therefore pray ye:*

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever. *Amen.*"

Q. Do all Christians accept this faith which we have described?

A. They do not.

Q. Why do you accept it?

A. Because it agrees with reason, and the Word of God, and is the only faith that can fully meet the spiritual wants of man.

Q. What is your duty, then?

A. To strengthen and to confirm myself in this faith, and to do what I can to lead others to accept and practice it.

Q. And are you bound to do this duty?

A. Yes; and by God's help I will. And I pray unto God to give me his grace that I may continue in the faith unto my life's end.

THE CHRISTIAN'S MOTTO.

"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect, * * * * but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."—Phil. iii: 12.

CREEDS AND CONFESSIONS OF FAITH.

ST. PETER'S CONFESSION.

"Jesus saith unto them, Whom say ye that I am? And Peter answered and saith unto Him, *Thou art the Christ.*" Mark viii: 29.

ST. PAUL'S CONFESSION.

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans x: 9.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

Origin Unknown.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell, The third day he rose from

the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection (of the) body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED.

A. D. 325.

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By Whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures:

And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

¶ *As declared by the Clergy and Laity of the Universalist Church of the United States of America, assembled in Convention at Winchester, in the State of New Hampshire, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three:*

ARTICLE I. We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain a revelation of the character of God, and of the duty, interest, and final destination of mankind.

ART. II. We believe that there is one God, whose nature is love; revealed in one Lord Jesus Christ, by one Holy Spirit of grace; who will finally restore the whole family of mankind to holiness and happiness.

ART. III. We believe that holiness and true happiness are inseparably connected; and that believers ought to be careful to maintain order and practice good works; for these things are good and profitable unto men.

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